

**Egremont Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning Committee**

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 2:00 pm**

**Members Present:** Will Conklin, Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Juliette Haas, Jim Noe, Dave Rejeski (Ed McCormick absent)

**CORE Team Members Present:** Bruce Bernstein, Will Brinker, Emily Eyre, Joyce Frater, Donna Gordon, Fred Gordon,

**Weston & Sampson Team Present:** Amanda Kohn, Jack Jolls, Joanna Nadeau

**Recording:** Juliette Haas

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm. The minutes from the March 2, 2021 meeting were adopted as presented. The meeting was recorded to the Zoom cloud as per town Zoom meeting protocols.
- 2) Will Conklin, Jim Noe and Dave Rejeski were officially sworn in as members of the Egremont MVP Planning Committee (Lucinda was sworn in previously/Ed McCormick must still be sworn in). The MVP Planning Committee was tasked with choosing a chairperson. Lucinda made motion to nominate Will Conklin. Juliette seconded. No other nominations were made. Vote to appoint Will Conklin chair was unanimous by MVP Planning Committee members present. Juliette will continue to record the minutes, set up Zoom meetings, and provide administrative support.
- 3) Will addressed the timeline of the application and the action points required. The application deadline is June 4<sup>th</sup> but the committee would like to file by May 21<sup>st</sup>. Amanda spoke to the requirements of the application: letter of support by Select Board and other boards, committees and community groups, commitment of 125 hours of municipal/volunteer time once application is approved, narrative and Expanded Scope projects. Devising an MVP plan will require a minimum of two community engagement sessions and it was suggested to recruit attendees from the community as well as representatives from neighboring towns (Alford, Mt. Washington).
- 4) The following were suggested as possible Expanded Scope Projects for the application: housing, tick and mosquito borne diseases, farming and preserving healthy soils, town hall campus, climate change effect on seniors (extreme weather shelters, community engagement, isolation), influx of population/climate migration, water supply, indigenous renewable energy sources (solar, hydro, biomass).
- 5) Questions pertaining the town's current Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and Master Plan were brought up. As to HMP, the current plan has expired. Future HMP will be less regional and more Egremont focused. The town's Master Plan is dated 2003. Many of the issues mentioned are suitable to be included in an updated Master Plan.
- 6) The following future meeting timeline was devised: April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>. Amanda and Joanna will present a rough draft of the application at the next meeting. Juliette will start to gather support letters. Meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm.

Juliette S. Haas  
*Approved 4/27/2021*